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random of 31 October:

1. Speakers in all Communist sections in Rome on 30 October are reported to have followed a centralized briefing pattern in the discussion of the topic "Has the Comintern been reestablished?"
2. Attendance at each of the fifty-eight section meetings, in the course of which the following points were emphasized, is said to have been estimated at less than 100.

- (a) An artful attempt is being made to have it believed that the world is being divided or is already divided into two blocs in order to convince people of the inevitability of war.
- (b) In reality, this is not the case because on the one hand there is a capitalist class which is very restricted in comparison with the rest of humanity, and on the other is the overwhelming mass of the workers.
- (c) It is useless, therefore, to speak of blocs; it is rather a case of the masses subjected to the egoistic interests of the few.
- (d) Moreover, the mass of workers must not be considered in terms of East or West, but solely as the mass of workers of the world which at the last moment will be called into play.
- (e) Out of this situation there arose the necessity for an information office which, practically speaking, has functions which differ from those of the former Comintern.
- (f) We Communists who are Marxists and consequently internationalists must develop a national policy in order to achieve internationalism.

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- (g) When the Marxist ideology could not yet be comprehended, the need was felt to create the Comintern so that all Communist parties of the world, then considered national sections of the larger party, would have a guide for the realization of their program. Today, however, now that the consciousness of the working classes is mature, the need for an information office was felt.
- (h) Furthermore, in view of the attempt to set up the Marshall Plan to dominate the industries and commerce of the world which because of superproduction and egoistic interests could produce a war situation, there should exist an information office with the aim of denouncing to public opinion the measures being used by America to inject itself into the politics of European countries.
- (i) The function of this information office will be to inform the world of the gradual drift toward war into which the American ruling groups wish to precipitate Europe.
- (j) If we are able to defend the interests of our own house by continually denouncing capitalist aims, we will succeed in avoiding the danger of war and achieving the true aim of defending the working class.
- (k) This high function has been reserved to us Italians and in view of its humanitarian ends, it makes us proud to be the protagonists in the salvation of the world.

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